

## NEW WAR SHIP GIANT

Germany Proud of Nassau,  
Built at Wilhelmshaven.

## SISTER SHIP IS NOW BUILDING

First of New Era for Kaiser's  
Proposed Navy—Emperor Is Present,  
but Makes No Speech—Armament  
Will Be Heavy—Consists of Twelve  
Eleven-inch Guns—472 Feet Long.

Wilhelmshaven, March 7.—The first giant war ship of the German navy was successfully launched here today, and named Nassau, by the Grand Duchess of Baden, Princess Henry of Prussia, and Prince Henry of Netherlands, with a brilliant assemblage of prominent officials, were present.

Wilhelm von Hengstenberg, lord-leutenant of Hesse-Nassau, made a speech in which he greeted the new vessel as a welcome addition to Germany's sea power and a defender of the interests of the empire. Emperor William made no speech at the launching, except to propose the health of his royal guests at the luncheon following the ceremony.

The launching of the giant battle ship Nassau inaugurates a new era in the German navy. She is the first of the great vessels of which the active squadrons are in future to be composed, and is in size, armament, speed, and installation, superior to any war ship hitherto built in Germany.

Is 472 Feet Long.  
A naval authority said today that the following are approximately the dimensions of the new warship: Length, 472 feet; beam, 62 feet 9 inches; draught, 22 feet; tonnage, 18,000; horsepower, 25,000; and speed, 19 knots an hour. The armament will consist of 12 11-inch guns, 12 6-inch guns, and 8 3.4-inch guns, together with 4 torpedo tubes for the discharge of a torpedo 19 inches in diameter. Her crew is to number 856, including 27 officers. Her radius of action at a speed of ten knots is 5,000 miles. This indicates that the vessel is designed for use in home waters.

Although the new battle ship was formally laid down in July, 1907, this date hardly represents correctly the speed of the German yard in shipbuilding, because several months had been spent previous to the laying of the keel in assembling the materials. The battle ship will be ready to go to sea the end of 1909.

The cost of construction, including trial runs, will reach \$9,190,000, of which \$5,567,500 is for the hull and internal fittings, \$3,275,000 for armament, and \$2,347,500 for torpedoes.

## Twin Ship to Be Launched.

A twin ship in every respect, the Sachsen is soon to be launched from the Weser yard at Bremen. Work is proceeding rapidly on the Wurmberg, because several months had been spent previous to the laying of the keel in assembling the materials. The battle ship will be ready to go to sea the end of 1909.

## GEN. DAGGETT WILL SPEAK.

Lectures at the Y. M. C. A. To-day on "Siege of Pekin."

Gen. A. S. Daggett, U. S. A., retired, is to tell the Young Men's Christian Association about the "Siege of Pekin" this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the gymnasium hall. It is more than a story of the Boxer uprising; it will relate the thrilling experiences of American soldiers and of Chinese Christians during those days of siege at the capital city of China. It is well known that Gen. Daggett was in charge of the expedition for the relief of Pekin.

The Association Glee Club, which has not been in the public eye as an organization, but which has been doing some effective work this winter under the direction of Mr. H. P. Hoover, will have charge of the musical programme of the afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock.

Older boys of the boys' department, will listen to an address at 4 o'clock by a representative of the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Bickham will speak on "Attainable Ideals."

## Marine Band Concert.

The United States Marine Band will give its regular Monday afternoon concert at the barracks at 2 o'clock to-morrow. Following is the programme:

Grand march, "Corydon".....Meyerbeer  
Overture, "Martha".....Lohengrin  
"Thou art a Soldier".....Lohengrin  
Grand march from "Maiden Butter".....Puccini  
March, "Hunts and Strills".....Mintzner  
(a Waltz).....Volkmann  
(a March).....Wagner  
Grand fantasia, "Tannhauser".....Wagner

## Threatened to Shoot.

A negro giving the name of William Chase was arrested last night by Lieut. Falvey, Sergt. Walsh, and Policeman Delmonico at Fifteenth and H streets northeast after he had threatened to blow the officers to pieces with a revolver.

## Charged with Forgery.

Charged with forging the name of Judge Anderson, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, to a check for \$15, Albert Harz, forty-seven years old, who says he lives at 1515 Fifteenth street northwest, was arrested last night by Policeman Waldron, of the Eighth precinct.

## Funeral of an Attache.

Funeral services for M. Eduardo de Betesque, secretary of the Mexican Embassy, who died Thursday, will be held at St. Matthew's Church this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

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## VALUABLE BOOK ISSUED.

Biographical Directory of District Citizens Off the Press.

A new publication of distinct value to the residents of the District of Columbia is the District of Columbia Biographical Directory, just issued by the Potomac Press. It is a high-grade reference book that ought to prove of daily value to business and professional classes of Washington.

About 4,000 biographies of leading citizens are included in this handsome volume. From its inception this work has been carried forward on the highest plane. Great care was taken in the selection of the list of persons to be included, and every effort made to produce a volume of biographies that would include those residents of the District of Columbia who have done something worthy of more than passing notice. It will be found entirely free from personal puff and the paid "write-up" feature, giving the book a high value for accuracy and dignity.

The list of biographies includes those prominent in the official, professional, and industrial life of the District of Columbia. Every effort has been made to invest the biographies with fullness of detail and accuracy in dates and names. The data has been secured from the most reliable sources, generally from personal interviews, and the submission of a written question.

In addition to the more than 4,000 biographies in the Biographical Directory of the District of Columbia, it contains much other matter of both local and general interest. The authoritative historical sketch by Hon. Henry B. F. Macfarland, president of the Board of District Commissioners, will be found of special value. This volume is the result of much painstaking research, though, no doubt, some imperfections will be found in it. But its publishers present it to the public with the feeling that it contains a wide range of valuable information, set down in an orderly manner, and heretofore included in no other publication devoted to the District of Columbia.

## CATHOLIC CIRCLE MEETS.

Mrs. Cooper Gives Report of Art Exhibit Recently Held.

The Catholic Conversation Circle held its regular Thursday meeting at the home of the president, 706 Eleventh street northwest.

Mrs. Cooper gave a detailed report of the successful Catholic art exhibit held recently under the auspices of the circle, and announced that the public were again invited to be present on March 13, at 7:30, when an address would be made upon "St. Patrick," by Mr. Philip Corry, of the Evening Star, and also that during Lenten ceremonies and music would be the topics for conversation.

Miss Agnes Carroll gave a description of the stations at St. Paul's Passionist Monastery, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Miss Clara Fulton, these of life size at Erie, Pa.; Miss Grace Connolly, the marble ones at St. Patrick's, Washington, D. C.; Miss Kathryn Kirby, Fierstein's celebrated modern statues; Miss Mildred Hewett, those at the Apostolic Mission House, and Miss F. Harkness, a description of Lenten church vestments.

## GEN. DODGE'S WILL FILED.

Will of Gen. Francis S. Dodge, U. S. A., retired, was filed yesterday for probate. Eben Dodge, a brother of Boston, Mass., and the American Security and Trust Company, of this city, are named as executors and trustees.

Gen. Dodge directed that his professional library, military equipment, uniform, medals, commissions, &c., should be turned over to the Danvers Historical Society, of Danvers, Mass. The executors and trustees are: Eben Dodge, U. S. A., H. Dodge, the widow, \$150 per annum, and at her death the estate is divided into three parts, one to Louise P. Dodge, a sister, of Louisville Ky.; another to the children of Joanna R. Dodge Blake, deceased sister, and the third to be divided between Eben Dodge, and Louise P. Dodge.

## DISCUSS MIGHTY SUBJECTS.

Biological Society Holds Its Regular Monthly Meeting.

"A simple method to represent graphically the trend of variations in a number of related relative species" was the subject of the principal address delivered by Marcus W. Lyle, of the Lower Ohio Valley, at its regular monthly meeting at the Cosmos Club last night.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Saturday, March 7, 1908.

The last twenty-four hours has been practically without precipitation in all parts of the country, except for local rains in the Rocky Mountain region. High temperature in the South.

An area of high pressure and zero temperatures is moving southward over the Dakotas, but does not reach the Ohio Valley, the Gulf and South Atlantic States. In the East and South, the depression central in southern New Mexico will move southward, and the Gulf and South Atlantic States. Cold weather is indicated for the Middle Atlantic States for Sunday, and the Lower Missouri and Middle Mississippi valleys.

## Local Temperature.

Midnight, 22; 2 a. m., 28; 4 a. m., 28; 6 a. m., 28; 8 a. m., 28; 10 a. m., 28; 12 noon, 28; 2 p. m., 41; 4 p. m., 56; 6 p. m., 52; 8 p. m., 46; 10 p. m., 43; Maximum, 56; minimum, 28.

## Temperatures in Other Cities.

Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rain for the twelve hours ended at 8 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

City	Max.	Min.	Rain
Ashville, N. C.	40	20	fall.
Atlanta, Ga.	75	60	70
Baltimore, Md.	42	36	42
Bismarck, N. D.	42	36	42
Boston, Mass.	44	32	36
Buffalo, N. Y.	32	22	32
Chicago, Ill.	32	22	32
Cincinnati, Ohio	32	22	32
Cleveland, Ohio	32	22	32
Des Moines, Iowa	42	32	32
Galveston, Tex.	72	66	66
Helena, Mont.	42	28	42
Indianapolis, Ind.	42	28	42
Jacksonville, Fla.	82	60	70
Kansas City, Mo.	42	28	42
Little Rock, Ark.	42	28	42
Memphis, Tenn.	62	56	62
New Orleans, La.	80	64	70
New York, N. Y.	32	22	32
North Platte, Neb.	48	15	40
Pittsburg, Pa.	44	24	44
Portland, Me.	42	30	36
Salt Lake City, Utah	38	20	31
St. Louis, Mo.	32	22	32
St. Paul, Minn.	32	14	28
Springfield, Ill.	46	32	44
Victoria, B. C.	62	64	76

## FIRE TRAPS ALL OVER

Holocausts Possible in Every  
City and Village.

## FIREPROOFING IS THE REMEDY

Engineer R. L. Humphrey, of Geological Survey, Reviews Menace of High Buildings, Narrow Streets, Inflammable Structural Materials, Suggests Stringent Laws.

Catastrophes such as those at Collinwood, Ohio, and Boyertown, Pa., are possible in nearly every city and village in the United States, says Richard L. Humphrey, engineer in charge of the structural materials laboratory of the government. Humphrey declares it is providential and not due to proper precautions that more of these holocausts have not occurred.

In his official character as the officer in charge of the structural material investigations conducted by the technological branch of the United States Geological Survey, Humphrey has made a thorough study of fireproofing.

## Bad Conditions Everywhere.

"The shocking catastrophe at Collinwood, Ohio, last Wednesday did not result from exceptional conditions," he said yesterday. "But the conditions that are to be found in thousands of instances throughout the United States."

"The same or even worse fire traps prevail in every village and town, and, indeed, in many of the large cities. Even where municipal laws are supposed to govern the erection of such structures, the conditions are often worse than in Collinwood."

"Such calamities as we have had the last few months of this year do not come as a matter of surprise to any one versed in the subject. The only surprise is that these catastrophes do not occur more frequently throughout this great country."

## Laws to Compel Fireproofing.

"Laws should be enacted to prohibit the erection of anything except a structure of the highest fire-resisting type, especially when it is to be used as a school, hospital, theater, or other structure in which people assemble in large numbers, who in the event of a great fire, such as happened in Collinwood, would be at a certain extent helpless."

"In our hospitals and public schools it would appear unwise to erect structures of more than two stories in height. In such buildings, in addition to wide stairways, I would have one or two chutes of tubes leading from the top story to the ground. These would prove not only much safer than fire escapes, but also a much more rapid means of exit."

"The question of the height of buildings and the character of the interior structures is continually agitating public officials, but commercial interests seem to dominate, and buildings are erected that are known not to be the safest for the purpose. This condition pertains as much to municipal structures as to any other class of building."

"It is a fact that money available for schools, hospitals, and other municipal structures is usually inadequate for the purpose. Officials in charge, in order to keep within the appropriations, are forced to erect cheap, flimsy buildings that are not fireproof."

## New York Is Full of Fire Traps.

"The city of New York is full of fire traps. It is a miracle that a great fire has not wiped out the greater part of the business district."

"The remedy for these conditions is not in elaborate systems for fighting fire, or any elaborate fire drills, which may or may not be effectively carried out, but in the enactment of strict municipal laws compelling the erection of structures entirely fireproof with materials of the highest quality, and especially in the prevention of the erection of flimsy structures where women and children gather in large numbers, as, for example, schools, theaters, hospitals and similar buildings."

"Unless such action is taken, greater calamities than those at Collinwood and Boyertown, attended by even greater loss of life, will undoubtedly occur."

"The continual increase of the height of buildings, for office or mercantile purposes, as for example in the city of New York, gives rise to many problems. One of the most important is the question of handling through the streets the immense population crowded in a small district. At this congestion increases through the erection of these great buildings it will be necessary in the near future to double-deck the streets in order to accommodate this immense population and also to multiply the present transportation facilities."

## Continual Menace of Great Fires.

"It is apparent, therefore, that a great calamity in the shape of a fire such as visited Baltimore and San Francisco must necessarily be the means of destroying the lives of many people who would be unable to get away in safety with the facilities now existing."

"Buildings should not be erected so high as to prevent the fire department from fighting a blaze in the upper parts of such structures, unless these buildings are supplied with fire-fighting apparatus of their own, capable of taking care of any fire beyond the reach of the firemen."

"At present the average fire department is helpless, or seriously handicapped, in successfully coping with a fire in a building over 150 feet high. This means that the firemen can take care of a fire fifteen stories of a skyscraper."

"Beyond that, the tall buildings will have to look out for their own safety against fire."

## Expenditures Misdirected.

"It is a matter of record, borne out by insurance statistics, that this country spends enormous sums of money in providing equipment for fighting fires, while foreign countries spend their money in building structures which offer the greatest resistance to fire. The per capita loss in this country yearly exceeds \$5, against an annual loss in twenty-one of the principal cities of Europe of 35 cents per capita."

"Estimating the population of the country at 80,000,000, the loss from fires here is \$240,000,000. If we had the same conditions that prevail in European cities, our loss would be but \$25,000,000 a year."

"Statements have appeared in the daily papers throughout the country that the

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## CLUB ENJOYS MUSIC.

Madrigal Quartet Sings for University Organization.

Members of the University Club were entertained last evening—"club night"—by the Madrigal Quartet.

After several selections by Charles R. Bartlett, pianist, the quartet sang "The Hunting Song," by Giebel, and "Sleep My Lady." The singers were enthusiastically applauded.

Those who compose the quartet are: Joseph Matthieu, first tenor; Le Roy Gilder, second tenor; James Hicks, first bass; and Theodore T. Apple, second bass. Mr. James Hicks sang the "Gypsy's Song" and was applauded to the echo by the selection from "The Harkawayman." Following the programme a buffet lunch was served.

## Ozark Forest Reserve Created.

The Ozark forest reserve, comprising 920,000 acres in Arkansas, has been created by an order of the President. The area includes the Boston Mountains and portions of the Ozark range, and is covered with short-leaved pine and hardwoods, worth probably \$1,500,000 as it stands. Together with the Arkansas forest, the addition makes 2,000,000 acres of forest land, and brings the total of national forest reserves up to 164,983,555 acres.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Hendrix Polton, 31, and Elizabeth E. Jemmett, 21, Rev. W. F. Locke.  
George Hanaford, 22, Melbourne, Australia, and Florence Hanaford, 22, Nottingham, England. Samuel C. Miller, justice of the peace.  
Milton E. Hammett, 28, and Florence V. Padgett, 28, both of Ashburn, Va. Rev. S. H. Greene.  
Walter Philer, 31, Philadelphia, Pa., and Florence Philer, 31, Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. S. H. Shipley.  
Charles V. Keyser, 28, Baltimore, Md., and Estelle R. Saker, 28, Rev. F. M. Bristol.  
Paula Thompson, 19, Sheriff W. H. Thompson, 30, both of Birmingham, England. Rev. S. H. Greene.

## DEATH RECORD.

Francis C. Mattingly, 3220 N. J. ave. nw., 32 years. Garfield Pullman, 307 N. J. ave. nw., 50 years. Edward Patterson, 117 9th st. nw., 64 years. Sarah E. Scholter, 152 17th st. nw., 75 years. Ann Curtis, 116 7th st. nw., 65 years. William Lindberg, 248 C st. nw., 68 years. James R. Reed, 219 1st st. nw., 39 years. Patrick Sullivan, 214 E st. nw., 70 years. Martha A. Kilduff, 128 16th st. nw., 81 years. Bettie Lannon, 110 9th st. nw., 39 years. Margaret A. Connell, 218 34 st. nw., 74 years. Edward Brown, 387 G st. nw., 69 years. Frank W. Brown, 221 1st st. nw., 50 years. Amanda Gomerly, 1120 N. Cap. st. nw., 76 years. James Lardner, 319 C st. nw., 58 years. Patrick Hogen, 269 Prospect ave. nw., 75 years. Louis Schuchendorfer, 400 Brightwood ave. nw., 72 years. George C. Campbell, 710 34 st. nw., 60 years. Francis W. Hootch, 1212 W st. nw., 6 months. Carlie Miller, 618 B st. nw., 15 minutes. COLORED.  
John Dandridge, 2800 1st st. nw., 61 years. Annie C. Shreve, 2221 1st st. nw., 41 years. Ethel Edington, 1336 Linden court. nw., 14 years. Maria Schuchendorfer, 400 Brightwood ave. nw., 72 years. Anna Gaskins, 2114 19th st. nw., 74 years. Henry Hootch, 1212 W st. nw., 60 years. Edward Butler, Freedmen's Hospital, 72 years. Alice Thompson, 35 Sheriff W. H. Thompson, 30, both of Birmingham, England. Rev. S. H. Greene.

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